

JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

Easter Week
Gives Promise
Of Festivities

DEAR SUSAN: "Holy Week and nothing doing" may describe it in other places, but not in Washington when Holy Week is also D. A. R. week. Each year the Daughters gather here for the week in which the 19th of April—Lexington Day—falls, and this year, Easter being very late, it chanced to fall immediately before that festival. Consequently the activities of the Daughters served to enliven an otherwise quiet period, and instead of the proverbial sackcloth and ashes, handsome gowns prevailed, with pins and ribbons, not only of the D. A. R., but of sundry other patriotic organizations, which quite made our heroes, foreign and domestic, in all the bravery of their decorations and war crosses, hide their diminished heads.

Nearly 2,000 Daughters

Attended the congress—somewhere in the neighborhood of 2,000 delegates—and a singularly harmonious congress, the only disagreement developing over the matter of cutting down the representation of the various chapters.

If anyone had expected a choice assortment of Easter millinery in the ring for next year's "fight" when there is a president-general to be elected, they were disappointed. Apparently "There ain't goin' to be no fight." The daughters are going in for harmony. They seem to actually expect to elect a president-general unanimously! Heard one ever the like? Mrs. George Maynard Minor, of Connecticut, is the one favored candidate, and everybody seems to be for her.

There has been some talk of Mrs. Robert Wiles, of Chicago. Her Chicago chapter, the largest chapter in the organization, intended her. The State organization inducted her at its last meeting. But she says she isn't a candidate. She wants to help the daughters live down their past, and she thinks that they can best prove the genuineness of their reformation by an uncontested election.

One wonders if this virtuous mood will last around to next April when the election is actually to take place. If anyone breaks the spell, well, there will be a dozen lovely Easter bonnets in the ring! Meanwhile this congress reported proudly the war service rendered, and planned happily how best to turn its efforts to account during the reconstruction period.

It was a splendid record of accomplishment. Much, even most, of the work done was along familiar lines—canteen work, Red Cross work, comforts for the men in all branches of the service, relief for the population of the devastated areas. In Ohio's unique experiment, the establishment and maintenance of a "D. A. R. Lodge" at Camp Sherman, there was more than usual interest, and perhaps a little envy for those who originated the idea.

There had been a report of the beginning and first few months of the operation of the lodge at the last congress, which had moved at least one other State organization to emulation. But before it had really gotten well under way the armistice was signed.



Photo by Harris & Ewing.
MISS SARAH BOOTH MILLER,
Daughter of Mrs. John Miller, who is to wed Dion Scott Birney. The marriage will take place on April 30 in Cleveland Park.

Whereas Ohio had dedicated her lodge in December, 1917.

"Rabushkin" Impressive
Figure at Congress.

Somehow I fancy the opening ceremonies of this congress and one unforgettable figure—will linger long in the memories of the delegates. On the platform, among the handsome, well dressed, prosperous women who make up the national board of that large and influential organization, sat a little gray woman, bent and worn, on whose lined face the years had written many and various experiences—Breshkovsky.

The "Little Grandmother of the Russian Revolution," the guest of the Daughters of the American Revolution! Can you imagine anything much more stirring? or of stronger appeal?

Save for the festivities which centered about the D. A. R., last week was quiet enough in all conscience, and should serve to make the gayeties of Easter week rather more brilliant by contrast. It's mostly the kiddies who are interested in the Easter Monday egg rolling at the White Lot, but their elders will have their innings in the evening, with two big balls on the program. Both are annual events, the ball for the Women's Army and Navy League, which is to be given in the band room of the Marine Barracks, and in which all service people are particularly interested; and the Dixie Ball, at the Willard, which makes its strongest appeal to Washington's "large Southern element."

On Tuesday will come the first of a brilliant series of dinners, notably the one which Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. William Phillips are giving for the Japanese Ambassador and Viscountess Ishii and Mrs. Fred. Keep's dinner for Lord and Lady Reading. And it's on that evening that Miss Dorothea Spinney, interpreter of classical drama, will give a performance at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Breckinridge Long. This entertainment, which is to be very smart, is arranged at the inspiration of Mme. Grouitch, wife of the Minister of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, as a memorial to an American physician who died in Serbia, and the funds raised will be given to his mother, an old lady in destitute circumstances.

Another pleasant party, which is set for Tuesday, is the tea which Mrs. Hughes Oliphant will give at the Club of Colonial Dames for her guest, Miss Mary Maxwell Moore, of Trenton, who is corresponding secretary of the Colonial Dames in the State of New Jersey. The tea will be given from 4 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. Oliphant is sending out no cards, but is extending a general invitation to all members of the Club of Colonial Dames, all visiting members of the society and the Dames are coming in force for their annual meeting held upon the heels of the Daughters' members of the Guadalupe Club, D. A. R., and other of her friends.

Club De Vingt Masque
Ball Comes Thursday Night.

Wednesday afternoon has been preempted by the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. John's Church for a tea to be given at the Parish House, Sixteenth street, near H, from 4 to 7 o'clock. And on Thursday night will come the masque ball at the Club de Vingt for the Free Milk for France Fund, with a dinner which Anna Hamlin is giving beforehand and another dinner with Major General and Mrs. George Barnett as hosts.

The free milk for France party promises to be the jolliest one of the series, and many dinners are being arranged to precede it. Mrs. Charles

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Photo by International Film Service.
MISS COURTNEY LETTS,
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Letts, of Chicago. She was one of the most feted of Washington's buds last winter and is now having an equally good time at Hot Springs, Va.

Boughton Wood and Mrs. Arthur Graham Glasgow will receive, assisted by Nancy Lane, Frances Hopkins, Ruth Wilson and Lillian Washburn. Newlin. Masks for the ball may be obtained by applying at the free milk for France headquarters, 1401 F street.

The first "Revue of the Pollies"—which is to be the piece de resistance of the evening—will begin at 11:30 o'clock and the second revue at 12:30. Among those who will take part are Margaret Harding, Eleanor Johnston, Mildred Bromwell, Margaret Deebie, Betty Burnett, Kathleen Lester, Polly Brooks, Anna Hamlin, Virginia Eckles, Lella Gordon, Theresa James, Ruth Wilson, Ruth Hitchcock, Adelaide Tuttle and Frances Hampson.

The Ziegfeld Pollies are sending down quantities of the little hamsters with which their patrons make, and there will be favors, serpentine, and other foolishness to work up carnival spirit.

The week-end will be taken up with festivities in honor of Brooke Russell and John Dryden Kuser, whose marriage on Saturday will be the crowning event of the week.

On Saturday, too, there is to be several important benefits. The fashion fete for the benefit of the restoration fund for Somme-Fr., a devastated French village, will be held that evening under the able direction of Mrs. John Allan Dougherty; and Dr. and Mrs. Duncan McKim have loaned their house that evening for a lecture in behalf of French war orphans.

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and an especial effort is being made to carry things through here with a rush.

Not only are the women folk busy with the preliminary work, but in Washington drawing rooms during the quiet—more or less—days of Holy Week, driving was the principal topic of conversation. The Victory loan drive opens officially tomorrow, but much of the hard work has already been done. For instance, Mrs. Wesley Martin Stoner, chairman of the District of Columbia woman's Victory loan committee, has selected the chairmen for her thirty-two working committees, and most of the committees are organized and ready for action.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is honorary chairman of the committee, and so are Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin and Mrs. Blaine Beale, each of whom was active chairman of the woman's committee in one of the former Liberty loan drives. Mrs. Stoner is a splendid organizer, and has learned something of the technique of "driving" from having served on previous Liberty loan committees. Moreover, she has been a leader in Democratic women's organizations for years, and has the distinction of leading the band of women who marched in the parade at President Wilson's second inauguration.

Other Prominent Women
On Loan Committee.

Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, a wonderful woman over seventy years young, who has a finger in almost every forward looking movement launched in Washington, is one of the vice chairmen of the committee and one of Mrs. Stoner's ablest assistants. Another is Mrs. John Lord O'Brien, wife of the special assistant to the Attorney General for war work. She has charge of the important committee which canvasses the hotels and has undertaken last year by Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who got away with it in fine style.

Mrs. O'Brien is a woman of delightful personality, blessed with much of Mrs. Longworth's power of getting things done, and should put on an equally successful campaign. She has made up her own committee, which includes many women and young girls socially prominent. Another woman, who has an unusually important job under Mrs. Stoner, is Miss Margaret Fort, daughter of former Governor Fort of New Jersey, who has come to Washington to handle the Victory loan work in the Government Departments. During the war she was one of the leading workers in the War Camp Community Service, and represented that organization in the Council of National Defense.

Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin and Mrs. James Carroll Frazer have charge of the meetings in private homes; Mrs. Mitchell Carroll is at the head of the work in private schools and colleges, and the co-operative committee of churches is headed by Mrs. Thomas Watt Gregory, Mrs. Thomas H. Carter and Mrs. Leon Adler. Many of the important women's clubs are represented, usually by committees by which their presidents are chairmen—for instance, Mrs. Charles B. Ward, heads a committee to "work" the Congressional Club, Mrs. Edward B. Clark, the Twentieth Century Club; Mrs. Court Wood, the Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock, the D. A. R., and so on. Indeed, every phase of woman's activities is covered in the comprehensive list of women Mrs. Stoner has gathered about her as her helpers, and I only wish I had space to tell you about them all.

Saw Active Service in
Belgium Early in War.

Rosina Hubert, of Pittsburgh, is one of the youngest women to be selected for an important post. In 1914—she was then barely eighteen—she was in Belgium studying. She was caught in a little town near Brussels when the Germans came, could neither get away nor communicate with her

family in Pittsburgh, and for two years she witnessed—and shared—the agony of Belgium. She nursed in an improvised hospital in a town where there were but three doctors and no trained nurses, worked in a canteen where 400 or 500 half-starved men and women were fed each day, and underwent many months of strenuous and tragic experience. On one occasion she was pursued by a hungry mob and only escaped by clambering over a sixteen-foot wall—and all because she was carrying under her arm a loaf of the hard, almost uneatable black bread upon which the populace was subsisting.

This is the sort of thing she can tell us sheltered Americans from first hand experience; and it is as a speaker before gatherings at churches, clubs, etc., that she is doing her bit for the loan that is to finish the job of making such things impossible.

Washington will come in for many of the spectacular stunts, the "three-ring circus stuff," to which the whole country is to be treated by way of advertising the loan. Tanks will shoot up the town, the 115 Belgian soldiers—all honor men, who went through the siege of Liege—will parade here, with a famous machine gun dog team used in the attempt to stop the Germans on their first steam

roller advances into France; and flying circuses will do "high and lofty tumbling" over the city. Aside from the top liners and the cast of millions who will take part in the drive, the list of properties is interesting. It calls for 250 cannon, 500 machine guns, 1,000 rifles, and 55,000 helmets all made in Germany and captured there, with 2,000,000 medals and 20 armored tanks made in this country.

Earl Godwin Heads
Salvation Army Drive.

Earl Godwin, of The Washington Times, is chairman of the Washington committee for the Salvation Army drive, and he has picked Mrs. Louie Brownlow as chairman of the women's committee. He could have made no more happy choice, for this young woman, who is the wife of one of the District Commissioners, is an accomplished "driver," having served on the Liberty loan committee through several campaigns and having been the only woman on the committee who sold Washington more than its quota of war savings stamps.

Mrs. Brownlow will have several hundred women working under her. The honorary chairman of the committee is Mrs. Thomas Riley Marshall, wife of the Vice President. Mrs. Marshall is now in Arizona, but wired her acceptance of the post with the words: "I'd do anything for the Salvation Army and Evangeline Booth." Mrs. Newton D. Baker, Mrs. William Howard Taft and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt are vice chairmen; and among the

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